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MEMORANDUM FOR: The Director of Central Intelligence

SUBJECT: Blanket Waivers

REFERENCE: Attached Staff Study, Subject as Above

1. I concur in recommendations 5-b and 5-c of the attached paper.
2. I do not concur in recommendation 5-a which provides that the Director consult with the DD/S prior to approving any request for a blanket waiver.
3. In addition, it is felt that the statement made without further elaboration in paragraph 2 of the attached study that in 1954 over half of the projects operating under blanket waivers fell under a single organizational component, the CI Staff, may convey an erroneous impression. It should be noted that:
 - a. The Special Projects Division of the CI Staff was established for the primary purpose of handling highly sensitive projects approved by you.
 - b. In order to carry out such projects and preserve the requisite high degree of security, it is necessary for the financing to be done in a manner requiring the waiver of Confidential Funds Regulations.
 - c. In the case of all projects handled by the Special Projects Branch, the financial records, supporting data and documentation are always available for examination by appropriate officials upon demand.
 - d. It is my belief that you should have the right to authorize blanket waivers for highly sensitive projects and that you determine in each case whether to consult with the DD/S on the desirability of participation by individual support elements.

Attachment

cc: DD/S -

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